

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) Coupling of drill anchors with a sleeve (1) with an inside thread (5) and with two anchor pipes (2) which bear an outside thread (3) and which are screwed into the sleeve (1) from opposing sides, essentially in the lengthwise middle of the sleeve (1) there being an annular rib (4) which projects to the inside, the front surfaces (6) of the ends (8) of the anchor pipes (2), which ends are held in the sleeve (1), being located in the area of the annular rib (4) and directly adjoining one another, and the outside surfaces (12) of the ends of the anchor pipes (2) adjoining the inner end surface (10) of the annular rib (4), forming a seal, characterized in that the annular rib (4) has a cylindrical inner [[end]] surface (10), that the outside surfaces (12) of the cylindrically [[(12)]] shaped, thread-free ends (8) of the anchor pipes (2) adjoin the inner end surface (10) of the annular rib (4), forming a seal, that the front surfaces (6) of the anchor pipes (2) each have a chamfer ~~(20, 22)~~ inside and/or (20) outside, that there is at least one annular seal (21) on the annular rib (4), and that ~~the anchor pipes (2) with the chamfers (20) on the outside edge of~~

~~their front surfaces (6) adjoin the annular seal (21) is disposed in the space bounded by said chamfers (20) and said rib (4).~~

13. (previously presented) Coupling as claimed in claim 12, wherein the front surfaces (6) of the anchor pipes (2) adjoin one another to form a seal.

14. (previously presented) Coupling as claimed in claim 12, wherein in the sleeve (1) on either side of the annular rib (4) there are areas (14) which have no inside thread.

15. (previously presented) Coupling as claimed in claim 12, wherein the side surfaces (16) of the annular rib (4) are aligned normally to the axis (7) of the sleeve (1).

16. (currently amended) Coupling as claimed in claim 12, wherein the side surfaces (16) of the annular rib (1) with radii pass into the inside surface of the sleeve (1), ~~especially~~ into segments (14) which are free of threads.

17. (previously presented) Coupling as claimed in claim 12, wherein the front surfaces (6) of the anchor pipes (1) have a chamfer (22) inside.

18. (previously presented) Coupling as claimed in claim 12, wherein the width (B) of the annular rib (4) measured in the direction of the axis (7) of the sleeve (1) is essentially the same size as the sum of the lengths (A) of the cylindrically shaped, thread-free ends (8) of the anchor pipes (2), that is, lengths measured in the lengthwise direction of the anchor pipes (2).

19. (previously presented) Coupling as claimed in claim 12, wherein the annular seal (21) is inserted into an annular groove which is open to the inside in the cylindrical inner end surface (10) of the annular rib (4).

20. (previously presented) Coupling as claimed in claim 19, wherein the part of the annular seal (21) which projects over the inner end surface (10) of the annular rib (4) is deformed by the chamfers (20) of the front surfaces (6) of the anchor pipes (2).

21. (new) Coupling as claimed in claim 12, wherein the annular seal (21) is disposed in the space bounded by said chamfers (20) and said cylindrical inner surface (10).